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Memorandum for: Chief of Operations/DDP

1. I am attaching herewith State Department Instruction No. 1467, dated 15 September, detailing the trip abroad of a Special Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. The purpose of the trip is: 1) to investigate the opening phase of the administration of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 (the bill to bring in 214,000 aliens); 2) to investigate the operation of the escapee program under the Mutual Security Act (Kersten amendment); and 3) to investigate current activities and attend the 6th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

2. It is believed that the Committee will not wish to get into any CIA business, and its Staff Director, Walter Besterman, has agreed to make every attempt to see that it does not do so. However, the subject of security checks by CIA under the Refugee Act will doubtless come up and may lead to some questions. This will be particularly true during the group's stay in Bonn where Herve L'Heureux, of the State Department, is planning an intensive briefing on all aspects of the proposed program under the Refugee Relief Act. In addition, Army intelligence officers may continue to take the tack that the Act is a wonderful breeding ground for the infiltration of Soviet agents despite intelligence screenings of the refugees.



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